

**RULES  
OF  
THE TENNESSEE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS  
AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1110—1  
DEFINITIONS**

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**1110—1—.01 DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of these rules, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (1) *Police Officer* is defined as either;
  - (a) *Full-time Police Officer* is defined as any person commissioned, sworn, appointed, and/or otherwise lawfully enjoined to uphold the laws of the State of Tennessee, and/or laws or ordinances of any municipality or political subdivision of the State of Tennessee; and who is employed by any municipality or political subdivision of the State of Tennessee and whose primary responsibility is (whether directly or as an experienced, certified, supervisor/administrator of such persons), the prevention and detection of crime, and the apprehension of offenders, and specifically assigned duties and/or job description reflect said primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of crime; or,
  - (b) *Part-time/Temporary/Reserve/Auxiliary Police Officer* is defined as any person employed by any municipality or any political subdivision of the State of Tennessee whose primary responsibility is to support the full-time police officer in the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension of offenders, assisting in the prosecution of the offenders for appropriate remuneration in measure with specifically assigned duties and/or job description. Part-time officers will work no more than twenty (20) hours per week or a total of no more than one week or a total of no more than one hundred (100) hours per month for any agency or combination of agency. Any police officer who works in excess of the maximum hours as specified herein will be reclassified to a full-time status and must meet all requirements for standards/training as mandated under the law and Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission rules.

Provided however, in any situation where an officer is temporarily assigned for a period of one (1) month or less, to work more than twenty (20) hours per week or a total of more than one hundred (100) hours per month, such officer shall not be reclassified to a full-time status.
- (2) *Commission.* The Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, or employees acting on its behalf.
- (3) *Sub-committee.* A committee appointed by the Chairman of the Commission given the authority to act on matters pertaining to substitutions of basic and in-service training, in-service and basic curriculums, training officers, police pay supplement, and any other matters directed by the Commission.
- (4) *Certification.* A written statement issued by the Commission testifying to the accreditation of an approved school, instructor, or trainee.
- (5) *Curriculum.* A program of study that will achieve the minimum standards requirements promulgated by the Commission.

(Rule 1110-1-.01, continued)

- (6) *Basic Police Course* is the minimum course of study and instruction required for certification of a police officer.
- (7) *Advanced Course* is a course of study of instruction resulting in the development of a high degree of proficiency and expertise in a particular area of professional endeavor recognized by the Commission.
- (8) *Specialized Course* is a course of study or instruction related to a specific law enforcement task.
- (9) *In-service Course* is a course of study or instruction designed to review and update an officer in law enforcement tasks commensurate with his present rank and responsibility.
- (10) An *instructor* is any person employed or selected to present a course of study or instruction.
- (11) A *certified instructor* is any instructor certified in accordance with these rules.
- (12) *Approved School* is any law enforcement training unit, academy, university or college, technical or trade school, or similar school recognized by the Commission.
- (13) *Training Officer*. Any certified police officer who meets the requirements of the Commission and who may develop, organize, implement, or supervise any course of study or instruction.
- (14) *General Departmental Instructor*. The training officer who is certified and designated as a General Departmental Instructor pursuant to POST Rule 1110—3—.04(3) and 1110—4—.03.
- (15) *Special Deputy* is defined within this section as any person who is assigned specific police functions as to the prevention and detection of crime and general laws of the state on a volunteer basis. Full-time certified law enforcement officers may serve as special deputies. Any police officer working on a volunteer basis shall receive no pay or benefits except for honorariums and may be utilized for an unlimited number of hours. Nothing in the rule will prevent a sheriff from providing a special deputy commission to someone who is a full time certified police officer.
- (16) *Department (Law Enforcement Agency)* is defined as any municipal, county, airport, or public safety agency employing law enforcement officers required to be certified under the minimum standards as outlined by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training.
- (17) *Grandfather/Grandfathered* is defined as any officer who was hired prior to July 1, 1970, and was certified as grandfathered. Such officers are eligible for salary supplement. Upon separation as a law enforcement officer, grandfather status is lost, except as provided by POST Rule 1110—2—.03(6)(c).
- (18) *Exempt/Exempted* is defined as any officer who was employed after July 1, 1970, but prior to July 1, 1982. These officers are not required to be certified and not entitled to salary supplement unless they meet preemployment requirements and either attend basic police training or substitute ten (10) years of experience and pass the POST Test. See POST rule 1110—2—.03(6)(d).
- (19) *Waiver of Rule* is defined as “an exception” to rule granted by the POST Commission which meets the established criteria as set forth in Chapter 9 of POST rules.
- (20) *Break in Service* is defined as, (1) any break in “full-time law enforcement employment”, including the mere changing of employers for uncertified officers. (Uncertified officers must obtain certification in order to be reemployed), and (2) any break in “full-time law enforcement service” for certified officers. (Certified officers would retain their certification for five (5) years from their successful completion of the recruit training program or their last in-service training session, whichever is later.)
- (21) *Paried with* is defined as in the presence of a field trainingj officer of other full time certified supervisory officer.

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